

REMARKS

The invention is an outer decorative cover for attachment to a wireless communication device.

An outer decorative cover 12 for attachment to a wireless communication device including a printed circuit board 20 and a light source 38 mounted in an interior of the wireless device as illustrated in Figs. 3, 5, and 6 in accordance with an embodiment of the invention includes an inner and outer surface as illustrated in the drawings; and an optical fiber 40, 41a and 40b incorporated in a pattern as illustrated in Figs. 1, 2 and 4 with the outer decorative cover including an input end for receiving light from the light source when the light source is activated and the outer decorative cover is attached to the wireless communication device and a side surface which transmits the light therethrough along a length of the fiber when the light is received by the input end so as to cause the light transmitted along the length of the fiber to be visible. See paragraphs [0004], and [0015]-[0018] in the Specification.

Claims 1-4, 6-7, 10-15, 17-18 and 21-25 stand rejected under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by USP 5,542,016 (Kaschke). These grounds of rejection are traversed with respect to newly submitted claims 27-38 for the following reasons.

Kaschke discloses an optical fiber light emitting apparatus 200 which is disclosed as being a light source for a display 611 and a keyboard 613 of a cellular telephone as described in detail with respect to Figs. 9-12. Figs. 7 and 8, respectively, illustrate a cross-sectional view of keypad 613 and the display 611. As may be seen from Figs. 7 and 8 and the description thereof, neither the embodiment of backlighting the display 611 nor the keyboard 613 can be read upon the claimed outer decorative cover which is recited in the claims as incorporating or being

molded with an optical fiber. The optical fiber light emitting apparatus 200 is inside of the keypad 13 which includes a membrane 700 and is inside of the LCD glass 800. A person of ordinary skill in the art understands that Kaschke's backlighting provided by the light emitting apparatus 200 in association with the keyboard 613 and the display 611 is not readable upon an outer decorative cover including an optical fiber incorporated or molded therein.

Newly submitted independent claims 27 and 28 substantively recite an outer decorative cover member for attachment to a wireless communication device with the outer decorative member comprising an inner and outer surface and an optical fiber with the optical fiber being incorporated with or molded with the outer decorative cover and when the outer decorative cover is attached to the wireless communication device and when a light source mounted in the interior of the wireless communication device is activated light is transmitted along the length of the fiber through a side surface so as to be visible when viewing the outer surface. Kaschke neither anticipates nor renders obvious this subject matter since Kaschke's teachings pertain to backlighting of either a display 611 or keyboard 613 with neither embodiment having an optical fiber incorporated with or molded within an outer decorative cover, as recited in independent claims 27 and 28.

Moreover, there is no basis in the record why it would be obvious to modify Kaschke to arrive at the subject matter of the independent claims 27 and 28 except by impermissible hindsight.

Furthermore, the dependent claims 29-38 define more specific aspects of the present invention which are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by Kaschke.

Claims 8-9 and 19-20 stand rejected under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Kaschke in view of USP 6,399,903 (Stevenson). These grounds

of rejection are traversed for the following reasons with respect to the newly submitted claims.

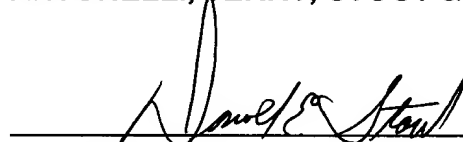
Stevenson has been cited as disclosing a plurality of light emitting devices which emit different colors. This teaching does not cure the deficiencies noted above with respect to newly submitted independent claims 27 and 28.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks it is submitted that each of the claims in the application is in condition for allowance.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (0173.40106X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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